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Dear Captain Connell,

Thanks you very much for your detailed, helpful and informative letter of the 10th.

The multitude of involved agencies and the apparent lack of communication between them do make problems for those who seek information. In turn I suppose we then present problems for the agencies. I am sorry. I did not intend to make problems.

I do want all Oswald and JFK assassination records, whatever their nature or origin.

Because this is a request for records that primarily benefits "the general public" and is "in the public interest" I do ask that the waiver be applied.

I have already begun the deposit of my records with a university. If you would prefer that you send the records directly to that university this will satisfy me. My remaining literary interest in Oswald is slight. But I do want this public archive to be as complete as possible. I expect the historian who is in charge of this archive within the next several weeks, when he will pick up more of my records.I would be quite pleased if you would care to speak to him and satisfy yourself on this. I will inform him by a carbon of this letter. I believe he will be using National Airport, which is close to your office.

If you do not waive I will pay the charges subject to the preservation of my rights in this matter.

I appreciate you underscorings of "all" to attract my attention and inform me that your agency does not possess all Navy originated records and that there is not to the best of your knowledge any one Navy repository for all of them.Before the amending of FOIA the Attorney General's Memorandum on the Act required referrals to other agencies. If you cannot refer my request to those other components of which you are aware I would appreciate it if you could tell me where else to apply.

I understood that the late Guy Johnson of New Orleans was an ONI officer. He did confirm to me that in 1963 he had filed some reports relating to Oswald.They are not in the Warren Commission ONI file available at the National Archives, which I have. If you ca n be of help on this I would appreciate it.

I do appreciate your informativeness very much. If others in the government responded as you have it would greatly reduce government time and costs and would be helpful to the spirit and intent of the Act, better for those who seek information.

My sincere thanks,

Harold Weisberg